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The Constitutional Amendments.

The time is drawing near for the Special Election to vote upon the adoption or rejection of the proposed amendments to the State Constitution.

There are only one or two of the proposed changes that seem to provoke discussion. One of these is Paragraph 20, Art. I, which is proposed to be amended as follows:

"No donation of land or appropriation of money shall be made by the state or any municipal corporation to or for the use of any society, association or corporation whatever."

This is a very important and wise amendment. It ought not to fail of adoption, because it impartially sets at rest the vexed question of state aid to denominational asylums and all other societies and corporations. Let us keep as far removed as possible from a union of Church and State. All will remember the political ill-will and strife that was occasioned last winter over the Catholic Protective legislation. The State Government ought not to be in any way identified or embroiled with these projects of aid and recognition to schools, reformatories or associations managed by political bodies or religious sects, of whatever complexion they may be. There fore we think that all good citizens who cherish the perpetuation of constitutional liberty, all who love and appreciate freedom in its true sense, should vote heartily for this amendment.

Another amendment which excites some squint and discussion is that relating to taxation:

"Property shall be assessed for taxes under general laws, and by uniform rules, according to its true value."

The Newark Courier publishes the opinion of a lawyer of acknowledged ability, which is that this amendment would make a radical change in taxation, that property, real and personal, will be taxed where found, without any exemptions.

By the provisions of an act passed in 1866 certain exemptions of the United States and State; and all securities of municipalities exempt by special enactment; all colleges, etc., of learning, public libraries, school houses and places of religious worship, and the endowment fund of any of these, all buildings for charitable purposes, stock of any corporation which by its charter or contract with the State is expressly exempt.

There is also an exemption clause for debts owing by the party assessed to creditors within the State.

In 1869, however, "An act relative to taxes in certain counties in this State," was passed by which the provisions of the act of 1866 were repealed so far as relates to the mode of assessments and deductions for mortgage debts in the counties of Passaic, Hudson, Union and Essex, and the city of New Brunswick, Middlesex.

By the provisions of this Special Act, known as the "Five County Act," no deductions are made from our taxes for mortgage debts. In other words, the borrower, not the lender, pays the tax upon the money loaned.

The opinion referred to above interprets the working of the amendment as follows:

Under this amendment property would have to be assessed where found. Nothing exempt. No church, public school house, charitable institution, college—none of these institutions which are exempt under the act of 1866. Nor could the Legislature pass an act exempting them; and further, the property is to be assessed according to its "true value." No deductions for debt. The virtual result of the amendment is, while it makes void the act of 1869 (Five County Act), to modify the act of 1866 so as to accomplish just what the special act of 1869 now does where it applies. And if under this amendment the Legislature adopt a statute to regulate taxation it must be a general law and must provide "uniform rules," under which property will have to be assessed where found, without exemption and without deductions for debt, taxing all property, no matter how belonging. Neither judgments, mortgages, nor personal debts can be deducted, but tax must be paid on the "true value" of the property, and the true value of property when mortgaged is the equity and the incumbrances included.

The following Assessors have been appointed by Judge Deane, on application of Essex Public Road Board for Bloomfield avenue: James G. Barnett, Newark; James H. Tichnor, Newark; Charles W. Harrison, Irvington; Isaac A. Wade, Irvington; Moses P. Smith, South Orange.

POSTSCRIPT! The very latest—Highly important! As we go to press a courier brings in the news that the missing slabs from the stone sidewalk near Broad and Liberty street have been replaced. A season of great rejoicing is imminent.

Mrs. Gordon Winslow, with the Misses M. and D. Hart, go to Europe to-morrow in the steamer Adriatic, and will be absent until next summer.

Another Young Burglar Caught.

The New Library Building the Lurking Place.—Exciting Chase from Pit to Dome by Lantern-Light.

The good people of Monroe Place and vicinity have been in a state of anxiety and fear occasioned by the recent burglaries in that street, two houses in the above neighborhood having been broken into within the past week. Last Thursday week, Jas. N. Day's house was visited and on Sunday night that of D. M. Pierson was also entered. At the latter place a window over the piazza was smashed, enabling the thief to push back the fastening and raise the sash. A large navy revolver, worth ten or fifteen dollars, some jewelry, and a few other small articles were removed. A valuable rifle was taken from its case, but left standing in one of the rooms.

In Mr. Day's house nothing of any considerable value was taken, the burglar contenting himself with mischievously exploring drawers and closets and feasting upon the sweetmeats and other dainties which he found.

Constable Geo. W. Perry having been informed of these robberies, interested himself in endeavoring to trace out and capture the thief. Suspicion fell upon a boy named Joe Fullman, whose parents reside in Monroe Place, the father being well-known as an industrious well-digger and gardener. Upon inquiries being made, some of the neighbors stated that this lad had been seen upon the piazza of Mr. Pierson's house at an early hour on Monday morning. Constable Perry thereupon determined to arrest Fullman at the first opportunity, and was on the lookout for him at the Center on Monday evening. About 8 o'clock his watching was rewarded, Fullman appearing upon the street near Lees' Market. The officer endeavored to arrest him but was, apparently knowing what was up, started off upon a run up Bloomfield avenue, the constable in hot pursuit, calling upon him to halt. Thinking to frighten him into a surrender, Perry fired a shot over the fugitive's head, but it only quickened his footsteps. He ran through Samuel Moore's yard, and thence through Harvey Pierson's premises, when the constable lost sight of him, but suspected that he had taken refuge in the new Bloomfield Library building.

After making sure, by a search, that the fellow had not fled to his home, Constable Perry became more than ever impressed that he had secreted himself in the Library, and resolved to get sufficient help to intercept and capture him, in case he was discovered there, and attempted to escape. Lanterns were procured, and T. E. Hayes, Richard Harvey and Charles Van Court went with Constable Perry into the cellar of the building, where the search began.

While the others were busy hunting about the maze of brick piers of the great cellar, Harvey went the other way to look into the ventilating tubes, which are two in number, and situated on each side of the stage. They consist of pentagonal enclosures four feet in diameter, extending from the bottom to the top of the building. They are built of brick in the cellar, above which they are of lath and plaster. There is in each a man-hole, piercing the brick-work. Above on a level with the orchestra floor there are other unfinished openings. When Harvey went to the western ventilator and looked in the hole, he saw somebody snugly curled up in one corner. As soon as he shouted out "Here he is!" the person he saw, and who proved to be young Fullman, sprang up suddenly, kicked Harvey's lantern into pieces, and quickly climbed to the floor above, where he emerged from the shaft. There was a ladder in position, reaching from the parapet to the gallery. Up this ladder, in the partial darkness, the fellow went, while his followers were clambering up from the cellar. Reaching the gallery, Fullman pushed the ladder forward, and it came crashing over in uncomfortable proximity to Dick Harvey's cranium. While the pursuers were raising the ladder to follow the fugitive, they heard him stealthily climbing upward somewhere toward the front of the building. They soon reached the gallery, and began hunting about for the new hiding place of the young rogue, who was leading them such a break-neck chase by night, through this unfinished building. At length he was espied away up in the cock-loft, stretched out upon one of the tie-beams, in the northeast corner. This was fifteen or twenty feet higher than anybody cared to climb. After some prying and realizing the uselessness of any further resistance, Fullman gave up and came down and gave himself up, where he did. How he had the agility and the nerve to make the dangerous ascent to life-rope-timbers was surprising. It seems almost impossible that he could have accomplished it without falling, which would have been sure death. Few would dare undertake the feat even by daylight, had risk the chance of a fatal plunge of fifty feet into the cellar below.

After the arrest, a hearing took place before Justice Hall. Fullman confessed that he had broken into both the dwellings, spoken of above, and that he had stolen the pistol, knives and other trifles from Mr. Pierson's. The latter gentleman was present at the examination, and when he said the stolen pistol was a valuable one, Fullman, with unaffected simplicity, contradicted him, declaring that "it wasn't worth more than a dollar," and that the jewelry he took wasn't "of much account." But this defense did not avail him, and though his mother who was also present, went and felt very badly, Joseph was committed to the tender mercy of Capt. Johnson at the county jail in Newark. On the way thither he stated that his father taught him to

steal, and, against his will, had forced him into the commission of crimes of this kind. A few months ago an older brother was sent to the county penitentiary on complaint of the father, against whom he committed a forgery. It is probable that Joe, who is in his fifteenth year, will be sent to the Reform School. He is said to be a smart and capable boy, and hopes are entertained that he will be reclaimed.

We have had four gleams of sunshine during the past week.

The mud in Broad street, near the Midland R. R. crossing is fully as bad as it was at any time during the late winter. When will something be done about draining our streets?

S. N. Baldwin is putting down an extensive drain under his property on the west side of Broad street. He is not only adding to the value of his own land, but is also a public benefactor.

The contracts for building the new almshouse have been awarded to the lowest bidder as follows: The carpenter work to Bastman and Haley, \$1073; mason work to Richard Jacobus, \$479.

MONTCLAIR.

J. A. Chamberlain and family of Chestnut street have gone to Maine on their annual vacation.

Ho, ho, ye that thirst! Jerome Sigler has just erected an iron pump in front of the Central Hotel. Free to all.

Messrs. J. C. Brantigan and N. Sullivan on Mountain Avenue suffered severely by last week's heavy rains.

Owing to the extreme wet weather the picnic of St. Luke's Episcopal Sunday School has been indefinitely postponed.

The Catholic Societies of Montclair and Bloomfield will have another picnic at Gallagher's Woods on Wednesday, 25th inst.

Donald McKay's tribe of Warm Spring Indians were in town on Thursday and in the evening gave an entertainment at Jacobus Hall.

The Catholic Sisters connected with St. Michael's Hospital have been in town during the week, soliciting contributions for that institution.

Taylor, Bros. & Co. have been awarded the contract for laying plank sidewalks for the ensuing year, they being the lowest bidders.

There will be a special meeting of the Town Committee this (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of examining the Assessor's books.

Edward Moran had a bay horse stolen from his premises on Sunday evening last. A clue has been obtained to the thief and officers are now in pursuit.

Dr. John Hawes has purchased of Warren & Crosby about one and a quarter acres of land on Eagle Rock Way at \$3000 per acre, on which he proposes to erect at once an elegant residence.

At the meeting of the Town Committee on Wednesday evening the attention of the Health Officer was specially called to a nuisance on property owned by James Crane on Spring street, and also to the condition of lots on the south side of Bloomfield avenue between the Hotel and the Presbyterian parsonage.

On Saturday last at Carlton Park there was a pigeon shooting match between Henry Sigler of this place and Samuel Harley of Orange for \$100 per side. 15 birds, 25 yards rise, 80 yards boundary, and one and a quarter ounces of shot. The match was won by Sigler who killed 11 to his opponents 10.

An anonymous communication purporting to come from Ashland Hall and signed "Boards," complaining of the bad condition of the lots below that place, was at the last meeting of the Town Committee ordered to be returned as insulting and disrespectful to that body.

Rev. Father A. M. Steets at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday last severely censured our town authorities for allowing so much corner loafing on the public thoroughfares. He also warned his congregation against the sin of attending the afternoon meetings under the tree, on Sunday.

Competition is the life of trade. Michael Levy has just opened a new grocery store on the Old Road, and he and James E. Murphy at the Fountain Head, who has long enjoyed a monopoly in that section, are trying to see which can sell goods. Murphy has already got bread down to six cents a loaf and other articles of daily consumption far below the lowest city prices.

A circular from the Third Assistant Postmaster General announces that the department is prepared to commence the issue of postal-cards of the new design, and that the postmaster will not under any circumstances be permitted to redeem or exchange postal-cards of the old style, or cards that may be misdirected, spoiled in printing, or otherwise rendered unfit for use, in the hands of private holders. It will also be useless to apply to the department for such exchange or redemption.

The Midland Road.

The ferry at the Passaic river crossing is still used to transfer passengers, and it seems improbable that a new bridge will be erected until after the foreclosure sale. It is said that the different interests have agreed to give control of the property permanently to the first mortgage bondholders at once, and that Mr. Abram S. Hewitt, now absent in Europe, who represents the second mortgage bondholders, has been telegraphed for his approval, which alone is lacking to consummate the arrangement. This will obviate the necessity of waiting until Sept. 11, the date at which the road is to be sold. The proposed reorganization contemplates the issuing of \$700,000 first mortgage seven per cent. construction bonds secured by a lien on the whole property, coupons payable half yearly. Of this amount \$175,000 is to be appropriated to the purchase of new rolling stock, and \$125,000 for the completion of the road to Greenwood Lake and Caldwell, and to put the part already constructed in good order. The track-work is to be all filled in, and a new iron and stone bridge is to be erected over the Passaic River. Bonds to the amount of \$18,000,000, bearing seven per cent., will be issued to the first mortgage bondholders, and \$18,000,000 of stocks will be printed as collateral. An issue of common stock will be made for coupons past due and maturing, and for the face of the present second mortgage bonds.

GENERAL NOTES.

Indiana crops are damaged \$3,000,000 by the floods.

About \$20,000 of the \$47,000 stolen from the U. S. Treasury has been recovered.

Egypt promises a grand display of her products at the Centennial exhibition.

The new reservoir on Croton River is to cover 450 acres, and to cost \$750,000.

Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" has sold largely at the south since the war.

Treasure valued at \$100,000 has been recovered by a diver from the wreck of the Schiller.

Here's another reason why Grant should step aside next year. We are all out of ex-presidents.

The grandson of one of the men who ate Capt. Cook will be at the Centennial prepared to do likewise.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's penchant for the fair survives. He will address that of New Hampshire at Manchester, in September.

The city debt of Brooklyn has been less than \$2,630,000 per annum; the yearly expenses of the city are about \$13,000,000.

Miss Kellogg has perfected her arrangements to open the opera season at New York on the 11th of October next. She has engaged as a prima donna the promising young Baltimore contralto, Miss Annie Moutagne.

Theodore Tilton is writing a novel, which is already half finished. He expects it will be published by Christmas, but is very reticent as to topic and plot. He has lecture engagements covering most of the winter.

When a Massachusetts man walked seventeen miles to see a man hung, and the prisoner was respited, the disgusted traveler sat down in a fence corner and hoarsely inquired if this country was drifting back to barbarism.

The miners are preparing to leave the Black Hills, covering up their richest lodes to prevent their becoming known until such time as they can return. The country is considered rich in gold, and some valuable diggings are located near a town called Stonewall, which has been laid out on Custer's Gulch.

A surplus of \$5,000 is in the hands of the London Committee, after paying all the bills connected with Moody and Sankey's labors, and is to be appropriated to a non-day prayer-meeting to be continued daily. An evangelistic building is to be erected at the West End as a memorial of Moody and Sankey's work.

Georgia has had a scare, caused in Washington and Jefferson counties on account of the reported attempt by the negroes at insurrection. Eighty arrests were made and the white military companies in these counties were ordered by the Governor to report to the Sheriff. The prisoners were all lodged in jail without resistance. The alleged plot contemplated a massacre of the whites on the 20th inst.

A special dispatch to Chicago from Whitehall, Mich., says the body of N. S. Grimwood, who ascended with Donaldson in his ill-fated balloon, has been found on the beach of Lake Michigan, near Stony Creek. The body was fully dressed, with the exception of boots or shoes. Letters belonging to Mr. Grimwood and notes of his balloon trip were found on the body, fully establishing its identity.

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Drainage.

We have repeatedly urged in these columns the paramount necessity of the town's adopting a system of drainage. That we have no such "system," and are suffering therefrom is painfully evident. The effects of the recent rainstorms must impress all who have seen the inundated condition in which certain localities are left that this matter is a very important one. The vacant lots, yards, and cellars of the houses situated within the triangle bounded by Glenwood and Washington avenues and the railroad are still, many of them, under water, with no way of relief except the slow, unhealthful processes of evaporation and filtration through the soil. The property on both the streets named has been partially filled in and built up, but without any allowance having been made for drainage.

Complaint was made to the Board of Freeholders in regard to the stoppage of the culverts which have existed many years in this vicinity, on Glenwood and Washington avenues. A Committee was appointed to visit the ground and make investigation. This Committee met on Wednesday morning but were of the opinion that the county had no jurisdiction, though hopes had been indulged by some citizens that the County ought to cause the culverts to be cleared and the standing water drained off.

The whole difficulty seems to be, both here and in other locations, that Bloomfield in growing into a thickly settled town is ignoring the requirement of drainage.

We ought at once to adopt measures that shall prevent such a serious annoyance and risk to the health of the community from occurring again. We must guard against the overflow of surface water, or accept the consequences, saturated streets and premises with an alarming prospect of sickness and mortality. It is culpable negligence to allow the wash of the streets to be sewered into private property. The rain-fall, whether descending upon the land or roofs of houses, should be conducted to the street gutters, and thence into sewers beneath the surface, if the amount of water is too great to be carried along the curb to the proper place of sewerage.

List of Letters.

Remaining unclaimed at the Post Office in Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1875.

Allen, Lottie.
Brown, Mrs. W. G.
Berges, Emma.
Barnes, George.
Brown, Mrs. Mary.
Chalmers, Peter.
O'Connor, Margaret.
McCarthy, Ellen.
Chapman, C. W.
Cook, H. W.
Connell, Ellen.
Davies, Robert.
Duff, Francis.
"E. J. M."
"E. J. M."
Flannery, Timothy.
Finley, Mary.
Gray, Theodore.
Hopper, Abraham.
Hewitt, R. H. Martha.
Hedges, Mrs. Wm. H.
Hampson, John.
H. DODD, P. M.

Donald McKay's Warm Spring Indians were in town on Wednesday, and gave a pow-wow at Union Hall in the evening.

Mr. Thos. T. Cadmus is unfortunate in the loss of his best horse, which died in the stable last Saturday.

\$1,200 is the appropriation made by the Chosen Freeholders to repair the bridge on Bloomfield avenue at Wheeler's Dam.

The Rev. E. W. Burr, of the M. E. Church in this village is absent for a few Sundays on vacation, which he spends at the sea-shore.

Confessioner Moneypenney's money-drawer was robbed of a small sum, during the absence of the clerk, a day or two ago.

Quite a party of Bloomfield young ladies, the Misses Williams, Griffin, Armstrong and Merwin, left town last Saturday on an extended tour of pleasure. They intend visiting the Catskill mountain region, and other prominent places in that vicinity.

Anybody is regarded unwise, nowadays, who goes out without taking his own or some other person's umbrella with him. It is noticeable, too, that the present style of ladies' dresses is not so bad after all, since it is now possible for a lady and gentleman to walk under one umbrella.

On Monday William Hughes of Montclair, and Fred Gundersman of Orange, engaged in pigeon shooting near the Baldwin place on Elm street. 13 birds, 25 yards rise, 80 yards boundary and \$25 per side were the conditions of the match, which was won by Gundersman who killed three more birds than his opponent, the score standing 6 to 9.

The Road Board on Monday instructed their Engineer, Mr. Owen, to prepare plans and specifications for repairing the damage done to the avenues by the flood, and to advertise for proposals.

DIED.

AMSTER.—At Franklin, N. J., Aug. 16, Anna E. eldest of the late Samuel Arthur, in the 384 year of her age.

JACKSON.—At Franklin, Aug. 13, James H. Jenkins, in the 34th year of his age.

KNOX.—At Bloomfield, Aug. 14, August Knox, aged 1 year 2 months.

DAYTON.—At Bloomfield, Aug. 14, E. E. Dayton, aged 57 years.

VERMONT.—At Franklin, Aug. 14, Jacob Vermont, aged 65 years.

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STATE ITEMS.

Seven boys who escaped from the Jamesburg Reform School ten days ago, have been recaptured.

James W. Southard, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Newark, died at his residence in the city on Monday night.

The name of the post office at Ringwood Furnace, Passaic county, has been changed to Hewitt. The office at Austin, Cumberland county, has been discontinued.

It is estimated that the Methodist denomination in New Jersey embraces 67,000 communicants, with 400 pastors 400 local preachers, 509 churches, valued at \$4,000,000, and 205 parsonages valued at \$838,000.

The light at Atlantic City can be seen from the deck of a vessel nineteen miles out at sea, while that of the Cape May Light House can easily be distinguished in clear weather a distance of forty-three miles.

Mr. Robert C. Belleville, aged 45 years, Clerk of the United States District Court of Trenton, N. J., and residing in that city, while attempting to jump on board the Fall River steamerboat in New York on Monday, fell into the water and was drowned. He was on his way to the White Mountains with his family.

A sad case of drowning occurred at Atlantic City, on Saturday. The victim was a young woman seventeen years of age, named Hannah Rogers, of Ardmore, Penn. She was one of a large party excursionists. She went in to bathe, accompanied by her cousin, a gentleman aged about forty-five years, and others friends. There were at the time a large number in the surf. A young man unfortunately induced her to go out with him some distance. Suddenly one of the lady's bathers called out that Miss Rogers was drowning, and all eyes were turned to the spot where they had last seen her and her rash companion. They had both been caught by the undertow, which carried them off their feet. After making several ineffectual attempts to rescue the lady her brave companion made his way to the shore, and she was carried by the current for some distance below the Excursion House. None of the guards put in an appearance among the bathers for more than ten minutes after the accident had occurred, and when they did so they proved unable to rescue the lady. A gentleman at length, after great difficulty, brought the body ashore, but all efforts to restore life failed.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.—In Chancery of New Jersey. Between James A. Woodhead, complainant, and Edward F. Clark, et al., defendants. Pl. No. 10, for sale of mortgaged premises.

The sale of property in the above stated case stands adjourned until Tuesday the 24th day of September next, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the Court House, in the City of Newark.

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